



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION TO MODIFY A
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND TIER I OPERATING PERMIT**

SUBJECT: In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.209.05b the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces a public comment period and opportunity for a public hearing for Basic American Foods, Blackfoot under docket No.10AP-0517.

The facility proposes a modification and replacement of current permit to construct No.P-040300 with No.P-050301. The new Permit to Construct is included in Tier I operating permit No.T1-050308. Basic American Foods, located one mile west of Blackfoot on Highway 26, proposes modification to the boilers at this facility for combustion of residual oil, including the installation of a wet scrubbing system to control emissions.

PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY: Pursuant to Section 58.01.01.364, opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before August 26, 2005. Hearing requests should include a brief statement explaining why a public hearing on the air quality aspects of the project would be beneficial.

The selected meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters can be provided upon five days notice for persons with hearing impairments. For arrangements, contact the undersigned at (208) 373-0234. Braille or taped transcripts can be provided after the meeting for persons with visual impairments.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: A package containing the information submitted by the applicant, DEQ's analysis, the proposed permit to construct, and the draft Tier I operating permit will be available for public review at the following locations:

DEQ State Office
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, Idaho

DEQ Regional Office
444 Hospital Way #300
Pocatello, Idaho

Blackfoot Public Library
129 N Broadway
Blackfoot, Idaho

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL

QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, jlechten@deq.state.id.us, or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Dan Pitman at (208) 373-0502 or dpitman@deq.idaho.gov.

All written comments and data concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m. MDT, September 8, 2005.

DATED this eight day of August 2005.

Joan Lechtenberg
Air Quality Division